



Department of State

TELETYPE

R

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

AM: D800141-0499

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 02491 2007092
ACTION SR-04

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 IO-14 ADS-00 RP-10 TRSE-00 OMB-01
COMP-01 AIO-07 /044 W

-----042903 2007132 /13

R 180857Z MAR 80
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7428
INFO US MISSION GENEVA 1205
AMCONSUL KARACHI

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/SEC/AR	
FORWARDED BY	DATE 2/12/86
TO THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMERICAN LEGATION KARACHI SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES RE: STATE 57552	

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ISLAMABAD 2491

E.O. 12065: NA

TAGS: SREP

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CARE MEDICINES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

REF: STATE 57552

1. WE HAVE NOW HEARD FROM UNHCR, RED CRESCENT, ICRC AND CARE REGARDING THE LIST OF MEDICINES PROPOSED IN REPTEL. UNHCR WANTED TO COMPARE THE CARE LIST TO A MASTER LIST TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE GOP. TO DATE WE HAVE SEEN ONLY A LIST FOR BALUCHISTAN AND UNHCR HASN'T TOLD US HOW IT SEES THE CARE LIST COMPARED TO THE BALUCHISTAN REQUEST. WITH UNHCR REP KOHAUT IN GENEVA IT MAY BE NEXT WEEK BEFORE WE CAN GET A DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM HIM.

2. RED CRESCENT AND ICRC REPS AGREE THAT THE MEDICINES, WHILE RELEVANT TO THE RELIEF EFFORT, ARE NOT ESSENTIAL. THEY SAY ALL NECESSARY MEDICINES CAN BE PURCHASED

3. CARE REP HAS SAID THAT DR. HENRY PAULS, FORMERLY WITH CARE MEDICO IN KABUL, AND INVOLVED WITH REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN, EXAMINED THE CARE LIST AND SAID THE COMMODITIES ON THE LIST, WHICH WERE AVAILABLE IN QUANTITY, WOULD BE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 02491 2007092

USEFUL TO THE RELIEF EFFORT. SINCE THE SHIPMENT IS A

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

DO NOT REPRODUCE

000000

230

DECLASSIFIED

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

DONATION FROM THE UPJOHN COMPANY, THERE ARE SOME DRUGS WHICH ARE NOT TERRIBLY RELEVANT TO THE SITUATION HERE, E.G. PILLS FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE. HOWEVER THESE ARE IN SUCH SMALL QUANTITIES THAT IT ISN'T WORTH IT TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE REST OF THE SHIPMENT.

4. CARE HAS DONE A RUDIMENTARY COST COMPARISON BETWEEN LOCALLY MANUFACTURED DRUGS AND THE DRUGS ON ITS LIST AND FINDS THAT, FOR THE ITEMS CHECKED, THE COSTS ARE COMPARABLE. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IF WE HAVE THE OPTION OF USING OUR \$10,000 TO BUY LOCAL MEDICINE OR SHIP THE CARE CARGO, WE BUY MORE DRUGS BY SHIPPING THE CARE CARGO. WE WILL PRESS UNICR AND, IF NECESSARY, THE GOP TO FINALIZE A MASTER LIST FOR BOTH THE NWFP AND BALUCHISTAN AND IN THE FUTURE WE WOULD HOPE MEDICAL SUPPLIES COULD BE PROCURED AGAINST THE LIST.
HUNNEL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

DECLASSIFIED